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1. From mid-April to early May 1954 a conference of representatives of Chinese Communist Party members of the East China Military Area (ECMA) Command was held at the area assembly hall in Nanking.¹ About 600 Party members attended the conference which was sponsored by the Party Branch Headquarters (7825/2388/6752).
2. The conference was called to discuss fulfillment of the resolutions adopted at the 3rd term, 4th plenary session of the Chinese Communist Central Committee Conference.² The ECMA Party conference discussed the general objectives of building armies (sic) and the future missions of ECMA troops.
3. More than twenty persons, including CH'EN I (7115/3015), T'ANG Liang (0781/0081)³, CHANG Ai-p'ing (1728/1947/5493)⁴, HSU Shih-yu (6079/0013/0645)⁵, KUO Hua-jo (6753/0553/5387)⁶, and I Yao-ts'ai (2496/5069/6846)⁷ were elected commissioners by the ECMA Party representatives. CH'EN I,⁸ who remained in Shanghai from March through May, remained first secretary.
4. SU YU (4725/5940) was transferred to the East China Administrative Committee from the ECMA Headquarters but still nominally held his position as deputy commander of the ECMA. CHANG Ai-p'ing or HSU Shih-yu actually performed the function of ECMA deputy commander. It was rumored in the ECMA Headquarters that HSU Shih-yu would be appointed to replace SU as deputy commander.

1. Comment. This was the first such conference held in the ECMA.
2. Comment. There have been reports of other meetings held to publicize the resolutions adopted by the conference. According to a 1 June Hangchow broadcast, a Chekiang Party meeting was held for this purpose from 29 April to 12 May.

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3. T'ANG is currently accepted as chief of the ECMA's Political Department.
4. CHANG is chief of staff of the ECMA.
5. HSU was a member of the former East China Administrative Committee and has been reported as commander of the defunct 11 Army Group and of the Shantung Military District.
6. KUO, a member of the former East China Administrative Committee, has been reported as commander of the Shanghai Garrison Headquarters and commander of East China public security forces.
7. One I Yao-ts'ai was once tentatively accepted as commander of the 187 Division.
8. Presumably of the ECMA Party Branch Headquarters.

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